



PROCLAMATION

P2014-05

WHEREAS, Feeding America is the nation's leading domestic hunger-relief organization with a mission to feed and advocate for America's hunger through a nationwide network of member food banks, and

WHEREAS, the Northern Illinois Food Bank is a member of Feeding America and provides meals to over 71,000 different people each week throughout a 13 county network of food pantries, soup kitchens, shelter, and youth and senior feeding programs, including over 40 in DeKalb County, and

WHEREAS, the number of people in DeKalb County who need assistance is increasing as reflected in more households in poverty and more individuals being unemployed, and

WHEREAS, fighting hunger is a fight that concerns each of us, and

WHEREAS, September is "Hunger Action Month" where Northern Illinois Food Bank and over 200 food banks across the country are hosting awareness campaigns and events to bring attention and take action for the cause of hunger.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that through the power vested in the County Board of DeKalb County, Illinois, let all who do, have and will reside in DeKalb County Illinois know that the County of DeKalb joins Northern Illinois Food Bank in proclaiming September 2014 as "Hunger Action Month".

Given at Sycamore, Illinois, this 17th Day of September 2014, A.D.

ATTEST:

Douglas J. Johnson, County Clerk & Recorder

Jeffery L. Metzger, Chairman of the Board

PROCLAMATION P2014-06

Whereas, The DeKalb Public Library is one of only three libraries nationally to receive eight consecutive Big Read county-wide grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, and

Whereas, The Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts, designed to restore reading to the center of American Culture, and

Whereas, The Big Read brings together partners across the country to encourage reading for pleasure and enlightenment, and

Whereas, the DeKalb Public Library, Altrusa of DeKalb-Sycamore, Kishwaukee College Family Literacy Program, and NIU's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences External Programming and the DeKalb County Board are all committed to restore reading to the center of American culture, and

Whereas, The Big Read is envisioned in our DeKalb County community to encourage children and adults to embrace reading and discussion of the same book.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the DeKalb County Board does hereby declare the month of October 2014 The Big Read Month for DeKalb County, Illinois. And all residents are encouraged to read "A Wizard of Earthsea" by Ursula K. LeGuin.

Proclaimed at Sycamore, Illinois, this 17th day of September 2014, A.D.,
Myself as witness.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Douglas J. Johnson
DeKalb County Clerk

Jeffery L. Metzger, Sr.
County Board Chairman